



DPD Master Facilities Update February 2013



Progress Made Toward New Headquarters Building

1. What is the latest news on the Durham Police Department (DPD) Long Range Master Facilities Plan? Durham City Council, at its December 20, 2012 meeting, supported option #2 of the DPD Long Range Master Facilities Plan presented by project consultants Carter Goble and Associates, Inc. (CGA). Option #2 proposes a new police headquarters building and annex, as well as north and south police service centers in lieu of district substations. The City's Finance Department has been tasked to identify funding for a new police headquarters and annex. However, development on the north and south service centers has been put on hold to a later date.

2. Have potential sites for a new police headquarters and annex been identified? Yes. Currently DPD and City General Services staff have collaboratively identified two potential sites – the 600 block of E. Main Street and 1103 Merrick Street with adjoining properties on Merrick, Grant and Umstead Streets.



East Main Street Area



Hayti /Fayetteville Road Area

3. How is the recommended option #2 expected to help the department operate more efficiently and effectively? The recommended option, which includes a North and South Service Center in lieu of district substations, is anticipated to **have the most positive impact on DPD's Command and Control efforts. Simply put, Command and Control is the ability to manage and effectively deploy resources.** Furthermore, the recommended option significantly reduces the number of buildings to maintain and operate, resulting in consolidation of operations and services that are currently spread across multiple facilities.

The recommended option will enhance DPD Command and Control better than any other option by unifying of personnel and equipment under an Assistant Chief. Placing an Assistant Chief at both policing centers will increase their influence and control over all field operation. Benefits include:

- Improved sharing of intelligence information which should provide a quicker response when dealing with criminal elements;
- Better coordination and easier sharing of personnel and equipment;
- Improved decision making, communication and unity of effort;
- Enhanced working relationships with Assistant Chiefs and their staff stronger;
- Reduction in duplication of equipment, contracted services and non-functional space;
- More direct citizen access to an Assistant Chief and other services without having to come to Police Headquarters; and
- More realistic prospect of providing 24-hour, seven days week access to all police facilities.

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4. What are next steps to identify a location for a new police headquarters and annex? A committee of DPD and General Services staff is currently working to schedule public forums to get feedback from community about the two potential locations. The target time frame to hold the first set of forums is spring 2013.

5. As development of north and south policing centers is on hold until a later date, what is the latest news regarding current substations and other DPD facilities? DPD is moving forward with the following actions and strategies to efficiently manage owned and leased facilities:

- Relocation of the D4 Substation. On February 26, 2013, DPD District 4 staff began moving into a new and larger substation at 2945 S. Miami Boulevard, Suite 135. The new larger District 4 substation will house all district units in one location— including the District 4 HEAT Team, which was most recently housed at BB&T- 505 S. Duke Street, and the district's **Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) which was formerly housed at the District 3 substation.**

Below. The new District 4 Substation is located at 2945 S. Miami Boulevard, Suite 135.



- Centralization of Property & Evidence. Property and Evidence functions and inventory were accommodated across four locations—Police Headquarters, Northgate Mall, Hunt Street, and Broadway. Beginning March 4, 2013 the Property and Evidence Unit began relocating to 921 Holloway Street, the same location as the District 1 Substation. Storing and processing property and evidence at a central location will accomplish the following: 1) simplify protocols for chain of custody and security; 2) free up space in the basement of Headquarters for other police units; 3) facilitate termination of storage at Northgate Mall; and 4) consolidate property and evidence functions at one location. The Northgate Mall lease for property storage is \$13,756.56 per year.

In coming months:

- Move the Selective Enforcement Team (SET) and the Interdiction Unit to Headquarters in the space to be vacated by Property & Evidence. The Selective Enforcement Team and the Interdiction Unit currently have office space located at Northgate Mall. Moving these units to Headquarters into space vacated by the Property and Evidence Unit will consolidate all of the Special Operating Division at Headquarters and allow DPD to terminate the Northgate lease. The Northgate lease for office space is \$33,874.44 per year.



Above. Forensics Manager Angela Shuff, Emergency Information Services Supervisor Cristina Moody and Chief Jose Lopez, Sr. check out progress of the space to be occupied by the Property and Evidence Unit at the District 1 Substation.

- Termination of lease at BB&T (505 S. Duke Street) and maintain the lease at 3022-B Fayetteville. Termination of the lease at BB&T will be facilitated by moving the District 4 HEAT Team to the new District 4 Substation as well as by moving the Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) to 3022-B Fayetteville Street. By moving DVU from BB&T to Fayetteville, 10 police officers positions may potentially be reassigned to the location. The cost of the BB&T lease is \$36,736.56 per year.

6. Where can I find background information on DPD's Master Facilities Plan and related presentations? Visit the DPD website at www.durhampolice.com. On the right side of the home page, click *Reports to the Public*, then *DPD Master Facilities Study and Information*.